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Identical letters dated 4 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Following a decision by the Israeli government to "intensify military strikes" against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority, the Israeli occupying forces today committed more war crimes and State terrorism, killing 16 Palestinians. In Al-Amari refugee camp near Ramallah, Israeli tanks fired several shells at the car of Mr. Hussein Abu Kweik, killing his wife and his three children. Two other children who were in an adjacent car were also killed. In Jenin, Israeli tanks shelled an ambulance, killing Dr. Khalil Sulieman. Five more Palestinians were killed when Israeli occupying forces raided Jenin refugee camp using tanks and helicopter gunships. Israeli occupying forces also killed three Palestinians in Rafah, one in Qalqilya and one in the Balata refugee camp.

The above-mentioned war crimes and State terrorism come after the Israeli occupying forces invaded the Balata and Jenin refugee camps over the last few days. During that invasion, Israeli occupying forces killed more than 30 Palestinians, including children. In addition, they destroyed a large number of Palestinian homes and caused extensive damage to water and electricity lines as well as other property belonging to the inhabitants.

Israel, the occupying Power, claims that such war crimes, State terrorism and other oppressive measures are taken in reprisal while in fact they represent an established policy of the government as part of the Israeli bloody military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people since 28 September 2000. Only today, the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Ariel Sharon, said in an interview that the Palestinians should "suffer many losses" and "be hit very hard, because if they don't feel they have been defeated, it will be impossible to return to the negotiating table".

The international community must stop Israeli war crimes and State terrorism and reverse all illegal actions and measures taken by Israel against the Palestinian people. The Security Council bears the utmost responsibility in this regard as the body responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, and we

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once more call on the Security Council to take the necessary action in follow-up to the Council's public meetings convened on 21, 26 and 27 February 2002.

In follow-up to our previous 101 letters to you regarding the crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 28 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/190; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214 and A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223), I regret to inform you that the 16 Palestinians killed today, in addition to the scores of Palestinians killed over the past few days by the Israeli occupying forces raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 980. (The names of the martyrs, including the martyrs mentioned in our letter to you dated 28 February 2002, are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Moreover, the number of Palestinians injured, many seriously, by the Israeli occupying forces also continues to rise dramatically.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 4 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 26 February 2002, through Monday, 4 March 2002)

Tuesday, 26 February 2002

Mohammed Hayek

Thursday, 28 February 2002

1. Kayed Khalil Abu Mustafa
2. Mahdi Hasan Alnamor
3. Mohamed Kasem
4. Mahmoud Khalil Tantawi (18 years old)
5. Abed Hasan Al-Helo (17 years old)
6. Mohamed Mahmoud Al-Haj
7. Samih Fawzi Al-Ardah
8. Osama Mousa Jad-Allah
9. Abdallah Othman Sha'baan Sha'baan
10. Mohamed Mahmoud Rasheed Fayed
11. Khalil Mohamed Khalil Khabas
12. Mohamed Awad Al-Jindi
13. Baker Zeeb Al-Sarawi
14. Abdel Rahim Mustafa Seif

Friday, 1 March 2002

1. Khaled Nijm
2. Ibrahim Moussa Al Talaka (7 years old)
3. Yousserf Dawood Mohamed Aloosh
4. Mahmoud Azab
5. Iyad Alsayes (15 years old)
6. Yasser Alsayes
7. Hakam Abu Eisha (from sustained wounds)
9. Loai Amin Zabaya Turkman (17 years old)
10. Maria Eiz Eldin Abu Seriah (9 years old)

Saturday, 2 March 2002

1. Tayseer Kamal Mohamed Ga'ara (18 years old)
2. Mohamed Mufid Mustafa Salem
3. Inas Ibrahim Eissa Salah (10 years old) (from wounds sustained on 19 February 2002)
4. Khalil Salman Al Jamasi

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 980.

Sunday, 3 March 2002

1. Zaki Amer Ashour
2. Hakam Abu Eisha (from wounds sustained on 28 February 2002)
3. Ayman Kasem Durghama
4. Khaled Shuaeb Suwileh
5. Islam Sadeq Shawahna
6. Abdallah Salem Abdelhady Thabit

Monday, 4 March 2002

1. Boushra Abu Kweik
2. Mohammed Abu Kweik (8 years old)
3. Azizah Abu Kweik (17 years old)
4. Bara' Abu Kweik (14 years old)
5. Shaima' Eiz El-Din Al-Basalah (4 years old)
6. Dr. Khalil Sulieman
7. Ahmed Al-Sofi
8. Saber Abu Libdeh
9. Ibrahim Barhoum
10. Asma'a Kamal Al-Razi
11. Samira Zubaidi
12. Amjad Badran
13. Nasser Abu Johar
14. Imad Abu Baker
15. Arafat Ibrahim Al-Masri (16 years old)
16. Ayman Hassan Abdel Rihim Ghanem (17 years old)
17. Mohammed Fakhry Al-Hashash (from wounds sustained on 1 March 2002)